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Study of NIH Peer Review Explores Relationship Between Review Criteria Scores and Overall Impact

A new study published online in the American Journal of Evaluation[1] examined the scored review criteria and overall impact scores recorded by assigned reviewers of NIH R01 grant applications and produced results that suggest all scored review criteria, including innovation, are related to the overall impact score. In addition, the study suggests that good scores are necessary on all five scored review criteria in order for an application to get a good overall impact score.

[1]Lindner MD, Vancea A, Chen M-C, Chacko G, NIH Peer Review: Scored Review Criteria and Overall Impact, American Journal of Evaluation, online first, 2015

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